

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 14, and 18 were amended, and claims 2 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 was amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2. Claims 10 and 18 were amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 13. Claims 3, 6, and 7 were amended to correct their dependency. Claim 14 is amended to address the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants express appreciation to Examiner Tran for discussing this patent application with Applicants' attorney on October 20, 2005. During that discussion, proposed amendments to claims 1, 10, and 18 were discussed. It was agreed that the foregoing amendment to claim 1 rendered it allowable, together with its dependent claims 3 and 6-9. Examiner Tran stated that the subject matter of claim 13, particularly that each current mirror sub-circuit includes two transistors, was allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter. Item 5 of the Office Action stated that claims 2-3, 6-7, and 13. Item 6 contained the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowance. In view of the foregoing amendments to claims 1, 10, and 18, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are drawn to allowable subject matter and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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